ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 DATA IN BRIEF

October 1, 2020

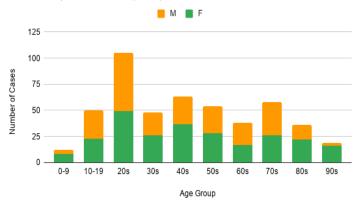
DATA SUMMARY:

The first laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 in an Allegany County, Maryland resident occurred on April 1, 2020.

As of September 30, 2020, 18,417 Allegany County residents had been tested for COVID-19 and received results (26.2% of the total population, based on a 2019 count of 70,416 people living in the county). Cumulative total case counts for Allegany County at that time were 483 positive tests and 24 deaths.

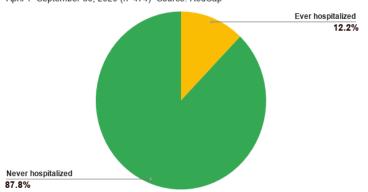
The chart to the right shows county statistics as compared to the state as a whole.

Allegany County, MD COVID-19 Cases by Age Group and Sex Data as of September 30, 2020 (n=483)



Allegany County, MD COVID-19 Case Hospitalization Rate

April 1- September 30, 2020 (n=474) *Source: RedCap



TESTING DATA:	ALLEGANY COUNTY As of 9/30/2020	STATE OF MARYLAND As of 9/30/2020
Total Residents Tested and Received Results	18,417	1,618,007
Tested Positive	483	124,725
(% of total)	(2.6%)	<i>(7.7%)</i>
Tested Negative	17,934	1,493,282
(% of total)	(97.4%)	<i>(92.3%)</i>
Deaths	24	3,805
(% of positive cases)	(5.0%)	(3.1%)

DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF CASES:

Early in the pandemic, cases were largely skewed toward older residents, primarily due to outbreaks within local nursing homes which accounted for about 70% of early cases. However, of the 483 positives in the county since April 1, nursing homes account for just 27.5% of cases. In fact, 57.3% of all Allegany County COVID-19 cases have been in persons under age 60, with the highest number of cases among individuals in their 20s.

When viewed by sex, rates of illness are slightly higher in women than in men. Men account for 47.8% of Allegany County's COVID-19 cases, while women account for 52.2%.

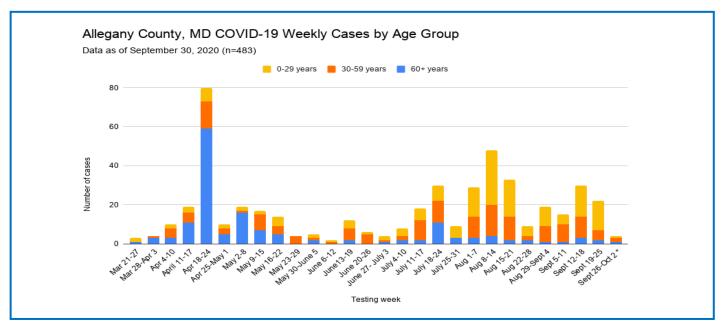
In terms of racial and ethnic breakdown, COVID-19 cases in Allegany County are generally representative of county demographics, with no over-representation of any minority groups.

Of the total number of COVID-19 cases in Allegany County, the majority have been able to isolate and recover at home. On average, a little over 12% of all cases have required hospitalization, as shown in the pie chart to the left. Hospitalization rates dropped from 22% of cases between April 1 and May 26 to 7% of cases between May 27 and August 18, and then to just over 1% between August 19 and September 30.

WEEKLY CASES BY AGE GROUP:

The bar graph below shows the breakdown of Allegany County COVID-19 cases by age category on a weekly basis between March 21 and September 30 (partial week). The largest spike in cases

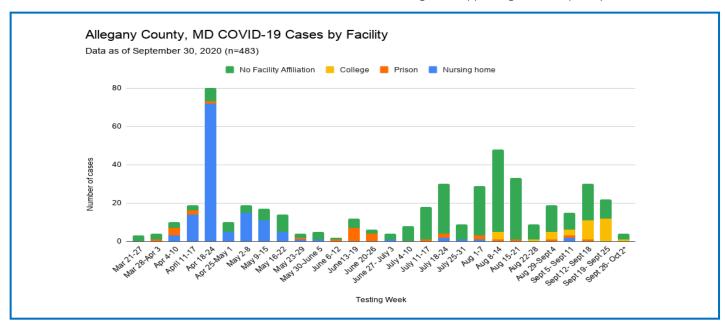
occurred the week of April 18, coinciding with a major nursing home outbreak of COVID-19. While nursing homes and older individuals accounted for the majority of cases in the early months of the pandemic, most of the cases since late May have been community transmission involving individuals under age 60.



CASES BY FACILITY AFFILIATION:

Some COVID-19 cases in Allegany County are associated with locations of particular interest to the community. The following

chart describes three specific settings: nursing homes, correctional facilities and colleges. Cases within nursing home settings were greatest in the early months. Cases associated with colleges are appearing more frequently now.



All data presented in this document reflect the most recent information available on COVID-19 in Allegany County, Maryland as of October 1, 2020. All data are preliminary and subject to change.

Media Contacts:



Brenda K. Caldwell
Public Information Officer
Allegany County Health Department
(301) 759-5239
brenda.caldwell@maryland.gov

